

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 315
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A RESOLUTION to honor Kendrick Byron Smith, 1997 top honor student of Morristown-Hamblen High School East.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick Byron Smith is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as the student with the highest grade point average in the 1997 graduating class at Morristown-Hamblen High School East; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Kendrick has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, he has earned an exceptional 3.98 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick is a popular and highly regarded student, who has generously lent his time and expertise to several worthwhile groups, including the Student Council, as both member and vice-president; the concert choir for four years, appearing in two musicals, "The Sound of Music" and "L'il Abner"; the Stars Club for four years; Interact, serving as Treasurer; and Sub Debs; and

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WHEREAS, he is also a talented athlete, having been a valuable member of the football and the soccer teams for four years. Kendrick has been honored as a member of the All-Conference Football Team for two years, Captain of the soccer team for four years and a member of the Soccer All-Conference Team for two years. He also served admirably as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Representative for four years; and

WHEREAS, his lengthy list of honors includes: being a Finalist in the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award competition; a member of the excellent Chamber of Commerce High School Leadership program; a participant in the Carson-Newman College Math Contest, where he finished fifth in the tough Algebra I competition; a member of the elite Chamber Choir; an honoree of the Morristown-Hamblen High School East's *Who's Who*; a representative for the school High School Building Committee; and recipient of the coveted Boys' State Citizenship Award; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his strong faith as an active member of the First Baptist Church of Morristown, where he is a member of the Youth Council and Youth Choir; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive in each of his many activities surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, he has wisely chosen to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Ken and Rowena Smith, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick's extraordinary dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Kendrick Byron Smith 1997 top honor student at Morristown-Hamblen High School East, on his very impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.